

CONNIE SILENCES ANOTHER BATTERY WHEN HE SNARES WATSON AND M'AVOY FOR ATHLETICS

WATSON AND M'AVOY SECOND BATTERY TO SIGN MACK CONTRACT

With Perry and Perkins and Captain Gardner in Line, Connie Now Getting Under Way for Real Season. Other Players Expected to Fall in Line

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CONNIE MACK has signed another battery to use against the seven other contenders for the American League pennant this year. John Watson and Jim McAvoy sent their signed contracts to the lanky leader and they arrived simultaneously. Hence the double, to say nothing of joyous announcement.

Manager Mack's solemn countenance wore a broad grin when Watson's signature was discovered. This twirler, who made a big hit last year, has all of the earmarks of a star and promises to be the sensation of the league in a very short time. Last year he twirled wonderful ball, finishing in a blaze of glory.

John, the twirler, is only twenty-one years old and qualified as an iron man at the tail end of the season. Pitching two games in one afternoon was a cinch for him, and he proved it by appearing against Boston and Cleveland. He lost to the Red Sox in the opener and won the second, 1 to 0. Against Cleveland he also lost the first, but was victorious in the second. Ordinarily, a pitcher weakens after working several innings, but Watson seems to get stronger as he goes along. He shut out Cleveland in the last game of the year.

The youthful phenom is a right-hander or starboarder. He was captured out in Fort Smith, Ark., in 1917, and lured from the Western Association. Last year Watson went South with the A's, but was very green, and Connie sent him up to Danny Murphy at New Haven for further seasoning. Danny got results from the start and the hurler was shipped back to the home lot on June 1.

Connie now has five players under contract—Captain Gardner, Perry, Perkins, Watson and McAvoy. This looks like a good beginning and the others are expected to fall into line before the end of the month. George Burns, Walker, Kopp, Acosta, Grover, Witt, Dugan, Dykes and Jamieson would form a nucleus for a strong team.

MACK had nothing to say about the trade which is expected to bring Bobby Roth to the A's, but admitted he would like to get the Cleveland outfielder. It is reported in Cleveland that Elmer Meyers and Jamieson would be used in the trade.

Dempsey Returns to Stage as Regular Actor

AFTER signing the papers to meet Jess Willard five months hence, Jack Dempsey put on his fur-collared overcoat, dusted off the box of grease paint and departed for Uniontown, Pa., to become a regular actor at a regular salary. Jack and Manager Kearns have nothing to do with the new show. Some other guys are putting up the kale, and as soon as the weekly salary stops the pugilistic stars will step out of the picture.

Dempsey's ill-health and sprained ankle were caused by the theatrical venture he attempted to finance a month ago. With brilliant prospects, he took a show up State and came back with a few trunks of scenery, which now are reposing comfortably in Bert Crowhurst's cellar at the Walton. Jack lost about \$2500 on the show, and from now on intends to work for some one else.

Tex Rickard is about to depart for Texas to look over some oil wells and incidentally select a spot to hold the big fight. There is little chance of staging the mill in Texas, but Nevada is getting busy with a bill to permit twenty-five-round bouts to a decision, and that State may be recognized. It will be remembered that Rickard held the Jeffries-Johnson battle in Reno, Colorado Springs also looks good, but Tex probably has something up his sleeve and will spring another surprise when he makes the announcement on or before May 4.

Jimmy Dougherty has stepped to the front with a proposition to put on a twenty-round fracas near his Colonial homestead in Leipsville, and Rickard is considering it seriously. While no decision is reached in Pennsylvania, no one believes the battle will last more than a dozen rounds and a referee's award is not necessary. Dougherty is one of the best promoters in the country and would be a valuable assistant to Tex.

TWENTY-ROUND battles have been held in Norristown and in several cities up the State, and as there is no legislation for or against boxing exhibitions, Dougherty's proposition should be remembered in case of trouble in other States.

Few Double Knockouts in Boxing Records

WHEN Tommy O'Malley scored a knockdown in his battle with Frank Varona at the Olympia Monday night he hit such a hard blow that he fell to the floor. For a time it looked like a double knockout, which would have been interesting. But such was not the case; Tommy just slipped.

There have been double knockouts and even double knockdowns in Philadelphia, but not recently. Johnny Burns, the Cambria capitalist, once saw two men being counted out at the same time and reluctantly recalled the story.

"It was about twenty-five years ago," said Burns, "when two maulers named Jersey Gordon, of Philadelphia, and Billy Murray, of Trenton, met in the wind-up at the old Nonpareil A. C., which then was situated on the second floor of the People's Theatre. The bout did not attract much attention, although both boys were hard hitters and had many knockouts to their credit.

"For three rounds they slammed each other with everything they had, and in the fourth came the finish. Gordon and Murray started right swings and the blows landed at the same time on each other's jaw. Both men toppled over, dead to the world, and the referee excitedly started to count. Both Murray and Gordon were out when ten was reached and had to be carried to their corners to be revived.

"What decision would you give on that? We figured it was a good draw and matched the pair in the wind-up in the next show."

The last stunt like that was put on in the National about eight years ago, when Henry Hauber met a famous slugger named Young McCartney. In the first two rounds both men scored knockdowns and the battle had every appearance of a rough house. In the third, Hauber's right connected with McCartney's chin at the same time McCartney's left crashed against Hauber's jaw. Both men hit the mat and Jack McGuigan started to count.

MCCARTNEY rolled over to the ropes at the count of two and pulled himself to his feet, where he stood swaying until Jack reached ten. Then he collapsed, but was given the verdict on a knockout.

Johnny Kilbane Soon Will Battle Here

JOHNNY KILBANE, king of the featherweights, has decided to re-enter the ring and will be seen in action in a short time. This has been rumored for several weeks, but not until recently did the champion arrive at a decision to stage a come-back. Johnny has been in the service since the war began, being the first boxer to volunteer his services. He was appointed by Secretary of War Baker and assigned to teach boxing at Camp Sherman.

Kilbane stood out among the other instructors, for he took his work seriously and did not appear in any professional engagements. He boxed quite a little, however, and kept himself in shape.

Johnny was mustered out of the army with the rank of first lieutenant. He started training to find out how good he was, and as soon as he discovered he could stand the gaff he announced he would again defend his title.

HE WILL box at one of the local clubs next month and the fans will welcome his return.

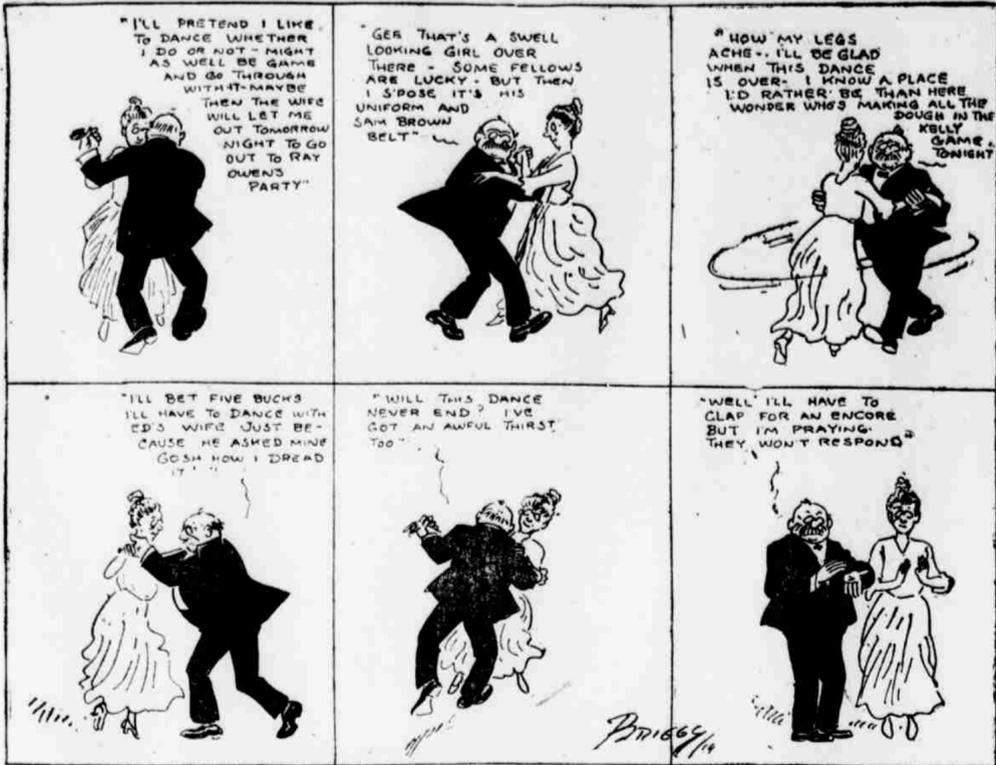
Simple Burial Ceremony for Former Noted Horseman

THERE was a simple but impressive burial ceremony at Odd Fellows' Cemetery yesterday afternoon when six men accompanied the body of William Beckett to its final resting place. Beckett had passed away among strangers and it was only through accident that these six men heard of a death.

Bill Beckett was an old-timer, but in his day was regarded as one of the best at horsemen in the country. He had a string of forty thoroughbreds at the old Gloucester track and was considered quite wealthy. He died at the world when he sold the pride of his stable, Minnie J., for \$100,000, a price then almost unheard of. He had another horse named Minnie B. that won many races.

Arthur Chambers, the old bare-knuckle fighter who never was defeated, J. Fugarty, Paddy Carroll, Pete Deady, Bob Deady and Ed Deady, accompanied the body to the cemetery to see that it was buried in the right place. All of the men were old-timers and had all of the

WONDER WHAT A MAN THINKS WHILE DANCING WITH HIS WIFE



"BIG FOUR" PLAN TO ORGANIZE AND RIVAL "BIG THREE"

Penn, Cornell, Dartmouth and Syracuse Have Held "Informal Discussion" to Form Alliance

COLUMBIA MAY ENTER

"BIG FOUR" to rival "Big Three"! The so-called "Big Three" alliance between Yale, Harvard and Princeton is to be rivaled by a similar intercollegiate organization, which will have as its members Penn, Dartmouth, Cornell and Syracuse. It also is possible that Columbia will enter the alliance. Acting graduate manager of athletics Edward R. Bushnell, of the University of Pennsylvania, stated this morning that an informal discussion regarding the advisability of such an organization was held in New York a short time ago. The object of the meeting was to form an intercollegiate baseball league, such as now governs basketball in the colleges.

Refused Invitation Yale, Princeton and Harvard, the "Big Three," were invited to join with Penn, Dartmouth, Cornell and Syracuse and Columbia in this league, but the members of the "Big Three" declined to have anything to do with it. Manager Bushnell said that nothing definite has been done since then, although Penn will meet each of these institutions twice this season on the diamond. If Penn, Dartmouth, Syracuse, Cornell and Columbia are successful in forming a baseball circuit it is believed that similar organizations will be formed in all branches of sports such as Yale, Princeton and Harvard enjoy at present.

Left Out in Cold As the so-called Big Three are becoming more closely affiliated in sport, other institutions fear that perhaps they may be left out in the cold, so they aim to have an organization among themselves on the same order as the Big Three. The other colleges have watched Harvard, Yale and Princeton come into closer relationship with more or less giving. The wartime conditions brought them into an exclusive organization of their own, and now it appears that the plan would be continued in the readjustment period. The fact that Harvard, Yale and Princeton will hold a triangular track meet at the Harvard Stadium on May 17 is taken as an indication that they will not care to arrange dual meets with other colleges for this season, at any rate.

Hinders Track Sports Coming so close to the intercollegiate, which will be held on May 29 and 30, the other colleges fear that the triangular meet may have the effect of holding down the number of entries which these institutions would ordinarily send to the championships. The new college alliance which has been suggested may easily grow into a strong intercollegiate body, and while it has not been the policy of the colleges to go along an exclusive course in their reconstruction plans, it would seem now that this is the policy of the Big Three. The negotiations which are now under

Today's Scholastic Card and Yesterday's Results

Table with columns for Today's Games, Yesterday's Results, and Other Games. Lists various sports events and scores from different schools.

M'GOORTY STOPS ROLPH

Referee Saves Canadian in Eighth Round of London Bout London, Feb. 12.—Eddie McGorty, the American boxer, easily defeated Soldier Rolph at the National Sporting Club here Monday evening. The referee stopped the contest in the eighth round. McGorty and Rolph both took part in the Albert Hall bouts in London, in which the various branches of the All-Ireland forces were represented in international contests. Rolph is a Canadian lightweight and was beaten in his bout in those contests.

LYNCH TO BOX WILDE

Meet in London March 31—No Title at Stake London, Feb. 12.—Joe Lynch, the New York bantamweight, has drawn the highest pugilistic prize here, a contest with Jimmy Wilde, the champion flyweight of the world. They are to meet in a fifteen-round bout in the National Sporting Club on March 31, at 118 pounds, the Welshman conceding some six pounds to his prospective opponent.

Loughlin Stops Cyclone Scott Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 12.—K. C. Loughlin, of this city, knocked out Cyclone Scott of Duffe, Mont., in two rounds at the Bethlehem A. C. last night. Scott was out-fought in the semi-uptown Young Athletic Club, in the semi-uptown Young Athletic Club, in six rounds.

Lawson, Reading Promoter, Freed Reading, Pa., Feb. 12.—Baseball fans here believe that the Lieutenant Al W. Lawson, mentioned in a column last week as having been released from a German prison camp, is the baseball team manager who was interested in various State and interstate leagues here until a few years ago.

Harvard Holds First Ball Practice Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 12.—More than a score of men participated in the first baseball practice at Harvard yesterday under the direction of Coach Hugh Duffy. The drill was limited to battery candidates.

MEALY-LEWIS IN IMPORTANT BOUT

Winner of Cambria's Wind-Up Friday Night Will Meet Young Joe Fox

MAY CLASH AT NATIONAL

By JAMES S. CAROLAN Johnny Mealy is due for another invasion of Kensington. Just a few months ago the manky downtown boy walked into the well-known Cambria Club and said, "Mr. Promoter, I agreed to fight for you and I'm here to fight." He fulfilled his agreement. Agreed on Friday night we expect to hear the same beautiful oration. Johnny Mealy, controlled, managed, handled, plotted and directed by one Robert Gannis, once agreed to battle at the Cambria. One week before the battle he was very successful against a top-notch, Johnny, however, did not forget his original agreement and went through with the fight for a sum much lower than he really was worth at that time.

Both After Fox But on this occasion much is at stake. Johnny's visit to the Cambria will have considerable bearing on a very important match. Gussie Lewis, the protégé of Johnny Burns, promoter, manager and all-around bureau of boxing information, will be host to Mealy. Both boys are very anxious to entertain the latest European arrival, Young Joe Fox, and the winner will land the match.

Thus we have discovered the reason for the big battle. First, Gussie went after Fox, but was informed he would have to dispose of Mealy. When Johnny met with the same reception, it soon was decided to put on this elimination bout. The battle with Fox doubtless will be staged at the National early next month.

No Herman-Wilde Bout Doc Cutch refuses to consider a recent offer from English promoters for Pete Herman to battle Jimmy Wilde in London. Only a few days ago the new manager of the champion received a guarantee of \$2500 for Herman to entertain before a British audience, but refused.

"You can say for me that if we are going to lose the title, we would sooner drop it to an American for \$10 than in London for \$20,000."

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KUMAGAE WILL PLAY IN LOCAL TOURNEY

Seiichiro Kashio, Harold Taylor and Beals Wright Also Enter Middle States Event

By ROBERT T. PAUL

ICHICHA KUMAGAE, the sensational handler of the tennis racket from Japan, has entered the Middle Atlantic States indoor championship tournament, which will be held on the John Wanamaker store roof, starting this Saturday. This will be the first time that Kumagae has ever played in this city. He is well known throughout the country and ranks among the leading ten. He is entered in the men's singles and doubles. Seiichiro Kashio, another player from the Far East, will come over from New York with Kumagae and will play in the singles and doubles.

Taylor and Kumagae Pair Other entries which arrived last evening include those of Harold Taylor, the sensational junior player of New York, and Beals C. Wright, the former internationalist and national doubles champion. Taylor will compete in four events, the junior doubles and singles and the men's doubles and singles. He is paired with Kumagae in the senior doubles.

Entries for the tournament are being received in a manner that indicate the event will be the greatest ever held in this city. Players of this city and section are showing special interest, and virtually every local player of note, both juniors and seniors, has sent in his entry.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

SEATED in the back row at the Olympia last Monday night was a former well-known ring entertainer. During his prime he successfully combated the best of the game at his weight. Everything beautiful until he engaged Kid Williams, the champion, when he walked into too many punches and went out before the regulation limit. Young Freddy Diggins wants to come back. He still is able to make the bantam limit and wants a chance. As he gazed at a brace of preliminary boys, he murmured: "See, these fellows can get work; why won't the promoters let me fight, even in a preliminary?" Freddy has started gymnasium work and, when he is ready, plans personally to seek a match. Otto O'Keefe, of Allentown, drew the assignment. Murray's last fight here resulted in a knockout over Frankie Clark.

John Murray, the Syracuse lightweight, who made his initial showing in a preliminary here New Year's Eve, has developed so much since that he has earned a wind-up position on Monday night at the Olympia against Frankie Clark. Murray's last fight here resulted in a knockout over Frankie Clark.

Edie Wason will battle in the semi-wind-up. The rugged Hanky boy will be seen against Edie Wason. Wason's most recent here, Jack fought Wason a hard draw here a year ago. He has improved much in the last year.

As soon as Scott Monthie loses one battle, he will be expected to wear another. He exhibited Dave Meter in the capacity of a substitute Monday night against Joe Tippitz and Dave delivered.

Johnny Ray has returned to the ring again after a period of semi-inactivity. His next opponent will be the regular Johnny Burns at the Pennsylvania Athletic Club, on the night of February 24. Ray is anxious to show the world that he is still a contender.

EDDIE PLANK RETIRES

Former Mackman Refuses to Sign With Yankees

New York, Feb. 11.—Edward Plank, pitcher, returned an unsigned contract to the New York American League club yesterday with the announcement that he had retired from major league baseball to give his attention to business at Gettysburg, Pa. Plank, who is forty-three years old, was traded to the Yankees by the St. Louis Americans last year, but signed with a team in the Bethlehem Steel League instead of reporting to New York.

HOLKE FOR DODGERS

Expected to Replace Daubert for Charley Ebbets

New York, Feb. 12.—Walter Holke, the Giants' first baseman, was a visitor at the club's offices yesterday, but after he had conferred with the club officials, no announcement about the player's future was forthcoming. With Manager McGraw angling for Chase, and with Cincinnati having a first baseman in Daubert, it would appear that the only place available for Holke is Ebbets Field.

Large advertisement for PRINCE ALBERT cigarettes. Features a large illustration of a man in a suit smoking a pipe. Text includes: 'PRINCE ALBERT the national joy smoke', 'Never was such right-handed-two-fisted-smokejoy as you puff out of a jimmy pipe packed with Prince Albert! That's because P. A. has the quality!', 'You can't fool your taste apparatus any more than you can get five acus out of a family deck! So, when you hit Prince Albert, coming and going, and get up half an hour earlier just to start stoking your pipe or rolling cigarettes, you know you've got the big prize on the end of your line!', 'Prince Albert's quality alone puts it in a class of its own, but when you figure that P. A. is made by our exclusive patented process that cuts out bite and parch—well—you feel like getting a flock of dictionaries to find enough words to express your happy days sentiments!', 'No matter what your past luck has been on pipe smokes or makin' cigarettes, you lay your wad across the boards that Prince Albert will make you feel like you've hooked a new lease on smokesessions!', 'And, P. A. is as good as that listens!'

PALACE RINK 220 & Market St. WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 8:15 P. M. Preliminary game, Freshman vs. Lafayette. Reserved seats (including tax) 10c. General admission 5c. Doors open 8:00. Tickets on sale at A. A. Office and Gimble's.